Airconditioning Terminal at Bhubaneswar

912. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: the details of steps taken to provide airconditioning terminal building and to originate or to route International Flights through Bhubaneswar Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The new Terminal Building under construction at Bhubaneswar has provision for air conditioning of the Departure Hold Area. Provision for air-conditioning the entire Terminal Building at a later stage has also been made. Air India has, at present, no plan to operate international flights through Bhubaneswar.

Plan for Development of Sea Beaches in Orissa

913. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sea-beaches in the country attract vast domestic as well as international tourists and have vast potential to earn foreign exchange and employment opportunities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Goa Beach always remains crowded; and

(c) if so, the details of Government's plan to develop or assist development of sea beaches and sea resorts at Konark, Gopalpur and Chandbari in Orissa for the purpose.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Goa is popular for beach tourism.

(c) The development of tourist infrastructure is primarily the reponsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism gives financial assistance to the State Government for development of tourist infrastructure and facilities based on the need for development, merit of the proposals received, inter-se priorities and the availability of funds. The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned financial assistance amounting to Rs. 71.31 lakhs for various projects at Konark, Gopalpur, etc. in Orissa.

Unemployed licence holder pilots in the Country

914. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons having commercial pilot's licence (CPL) senior commercial pilot's licence (SCPL) and Airlines Transport Pilot's licence (ALTP) in the country as on date;

(b) the number of persons out of them who are foreign converted licence holders;

(c) the number of such licence holders who are unemployed in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to provide them employment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Details of licences issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as on 30-11-1993 are as follows:—

(1) 1470 Commercial Pilot Licence including 294 which are conversions of foreign licences;

(2) 349 Senior Commercial Pilot Licence, out of which one is conversion of foreign licence;

(3) 1729 Airlines Transport Pilot Licence, including 6 which are conversions of foreign licences;

(c) and (d) DGCA does not maintain record of unemployed pilots. Employment of pilots is linked with demand for the services of pilots. 17 Air Taxi operators have been given permit to operate services in the country. They as well as the airlines need services of pilots to operate services.